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Response Under 37 CFR 1.116
Expedited Procedure
Examining Group 1202

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Examiner : C. Tsang
Group Art Unit : 1202
Applicants : Coates et al.
Serial No: : 07/835,964
Filed : February 20, 1992
For : 1,3-OXATHIOLANE NUCLEOSIDE ANALOGUES

New York, New York
July 22, 1994

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Sir:

This is in response to the May 23, 1994 Final Office Action in the above-identified application. Applicants request amendment of the application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 to present the claims in better form for allowance or for consideration on appeal.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

21. (Amended) *Cis*-4-amino-1-(2-hydroxymethyl-1,3-oxathiolan-5-yl)-(1H)-pyrimidin-2-one or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, ester, or salt of such ester thereof, or a compound which, upon administration to a recipient, is capable of providing *cis*-4-amino-1-(2-hydroxymethyl-1,3-oxathiolan-5-yl)-(1H)-pyrimidin-2-one [or an antivirally active metabolite or residue thereof], substantially free of the corresponding (+)-enantiomer.